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Dear Joshua:

Thanks very much for writing Senator Clark and others about the need for research and demonstration money in the war against poverty. You're 100% correct! There is certainly only the barest minimum of factual science on which to base social action in this field. It's a hard job to sell congress on the idea. Frankly, I'm very skeptical about the amount of money we will receive this year for that purpose. But we're lucky to get anything out of this congress at this time. Right now they're in a snarly mood, which is understandable, but not conducive to the kind of thing you are interested in.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,


Sargent Shriver
Director